

## FASTS FORTY DAYS TO FORCE HUSBAND TO ENTER CHURCH

Woman in Illinois Village  
Says Lord Spoke to Her  
on Main Street.

STILL GOING STRONG

Husband Prays for End of  
Hunger Strike—It Hurts  
His Business.

PHYSICIAN IS SCEPTICAL

Unable to Find Spot From  
Which 70 Pounds Is Said to  
Have Been Lost.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.  
DANVILLE, Ill., Jan. 9.—"The Lord spoke to me on Main street on November 29 and told me to starve until Ernie joined the church. I will starve to death to save my husband," said Mrs. Sadie Harrington to-day—the forty-first day of the hunger strike, which she has undertaken to induce her husband to join the Pentecostal Church of God.

Ernest L. Harrington, the husband, had this answer for his wife: "If the Lord spoke to my wife on Main street why doesn't he answer my prayers and speak to me? I'm on the level."

"Why should I surrender. My mother taught me the Golden Rule and the Ten Commandments. Jesus was a good moral man, and the people that crucified him said they were moral. No, Ernie, all the religion that's in the Harrington family, or going to be, is in the wife's name. I'm too busy running my store."

Harrington, a big, athletic chap tipping the beam at 250, just past 40, is "standing pat" while public opinion here is growing more sceptical regarding the genuineness of the hunger strike of Mrs. Harrington.

The Harrington home is a modern cottage and the interior disclosed that Mrs. Harrington was a model housekeeper. On the library table in the living room were several potted plants in bloom. There was also a Bible, a hymn book, a glass of water and a lemon on a chair that was drawn close to the bed where Mrs. Harrington was propped up with several pillows. Mrs. Harrington explained the presence of the lemon by stating that her mother had prevailed upon her to drink water with a few drops of lemon squeezed into it.

"That was the only thing outside of water that has entered my stomach since I began my fast," said Mrs. Harrington. "Several days ago my husband bought a bottle of grape juice at the drug store and prevailed upon me to take a few swallows, but it made me sick."

She is 34 years old and at the time of starting her fast weighed 210 pounds. She is about five feet six inches tall, has a florid complexion and her hair is a fiery red.

"I am not starving myself," she said. "The Lord will and is taking care of my body. I am not doing this for notoriety, but for the glory of God. If I succeed in saving my husband's soul the credit will belong to God, not to me."

Sure the Lord Spoke.

Mrs. Harrington told of the beginning of her fast and what prompted her to do it. She was collecting bills for her husband's store on the morning of November 29 and was walking along the main street of Danville when a great wave of pity and compassion for the unsaved came over her. She went as she walked along the street and said she felt that she could open her arms and gather all the unsaved into them and comfort them.

"I suppose I looked ridiculous, for I cried out loud as I walked along, and was unable to control myself. This continued until I reached the Franklin

School, when suddenly a great calm came over me, and a voice—such a wonderful voice—so sweet and tender—said: 'If you fast it will convert your husband.'"

Mrs. Harrington was asked to explain why she was so positive that the Lord spoke to her.

"I know it was the voice of the Lord, because He said he was to visit me. I did not see Him, but His voice I heard distinctly."

Mrs. Harrington said the first day of her fast was the worst she has experienced. "I craved food that day," she said. "But since I have not felt the least bit hungry. The smell of food sickens me. The woman next door was cooking a roast and my mother was obliged to close my window because I began to feel ill from the smell. I have no pain of any kind and I have only had a headache but once during the past month."

When reminded that her husband had said she was ready to quit fasting because she never accomplished a purpose in previous hunger strikes, she said:

"Well, I'm going through with this one, because this fast was ordered by the Lord. Ernie is the best husband on earth, and if I did not love him I would not be doing this to save him. I love him more than ever. He tells me all about what has happened at the store during the day, and before he goes to sleep he kisses me good night, and last night before he went to sleep he prayed aloud and asked the Lord to end my fasting, because it was hurting his business. He also asked God to speak to him like He had with me and tell him whether he should surrender to me."

Husband Begins to Weaken.

"Do you think your husband will weaken?" she was asked.

"I expect him to give in before another week," she replied. "All day yesterday he played at the store. He prayed when he was killing chickens for the customers; every time he went to the ice box he offered up a prayer, and three ministers who had him in the basement of the store praying in his lunch hour. He told me all this last night. And any time Ernie passes up his dinner to pray he is more than interested."

Harrington said that about a year ago he planned to dispose of his produce business and locate elsewhere. His wife agreed to the plan, but no buyer appeared.

"She prayed and howled and fasted for fourteen days, saying that by acting that way she would be able to help me find a customer to buy me out. But when no buyer showed up at the end of the two weeks, she quit cold. That fast did not hurt her, because she came right back with another one a few months later. The second one lasted about a week."

"If your wife takes a turn for the worse and death threatens her, would you join the church to save her life?"

"Never. If she wants to live, why don't she eat? If she wants to die, she can die," replied Harrington. "They'll have me up for murder, I guess. I've always been a good, loving husband, but I'm as stubborn as her."

An Expert at Weights.

"Do you honestly believe your wife is fasting?"

"Yes, I do. Sadie tells the truth. I'm a butcher, you know, and pretty good at guessing the weight of carcasses. I have been looking at them, and I would say that Sadie has lost over fifty pounds since she started her fast."

While the interviewer was discussing his wife's condition, a colored minister entered and introduced himself as the Rev. Albert Green of the Welcome Souls Church of Indianapolis. After the introduction the colored preacher persuaded Mr. Harrington to kneel with him in prayer for several minutes. Before leaving, the minister solicited a small donation—50 cents for his parish. "Can a man do more?" asked Harrington.

"I pray with everybody that comes along, but I'll never give in to Sadie."

Harrington has retained a nurse to look after his wife and a lawyer to protect his interests in the event of her death. Dr. William Gerety, a physician of Danville, also has been retained by the husband to visit his wife daily. The doctor, when seen to-day, said: "I have known Mrs. Harrington for several years and I must confess that she shows no signs whatever of having undergone an ordeal such as fasting forty-one days."

"I could perceive absolutely no change in her condition," said the physician. "The woman insists, however, that she is fasting. She also says that she has lost close to seventy pounds. I examined her, but I have been unable to discover just where they were lost."

Mrs. Harrington has equalled the record established a generation ago by Prof. Abe Matthews of the faculty of the White Seminary of Danville, who fasted forty-one days in an effort to cure a long standing attack of dyspepsia. This fast cured him, and he died recently at the age of 80 years.

## LEVY ON 553,000 TO AID STRIKING MINERS

National Union Charges Brutal  
Treatment in Alabama and  
Virginia Fields.

50,000 OUT IN TWO FIGHTS

Trial of 23 on Homicide Charge  
Set for 19th—Big Legal  
Battle Expected.

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 9.—To carry to a finish the strike of the union coal miners in Alabama and the fight against what is termed "the lockout" in Mingo county, West Virginia, the United Mine Workers of America has sent letters to the 4,000 local unions in the country, levying an assessment of \$1 a month for two months on the entire membership, numbering 553,000, according to an announcement made to-night at the international headquarters here.

Approximately 50,000 persons in the two fields are being supported by the international union, which, up to January 4, had expended \$1,345,000 out of its treasury for this purpose.

The sufferings which the men, women and children living in both these coal fields have undergone challenge the admiration of every member of our union," reads the letter sent to the local unions. "They have been thrown out of their homes, have been denied the right of free assembly, have been subjected to the brutal treatment of a private army of gunmen, guards and thugs, employed by the coal operators, and to the repressive military regulations which have been established by the State and Federal troops."

William Green, international secretary-treasurer of the organization, said the assessment would raise approximately \$1,000,000, all of which would be used for the relief of these men and their families.

WILLIAMSON, W. Va., Jan. 9.—Prosecution of the twenty-three men on homicide charges growing out of the gun battle at Matewan last May, between citizens, private detectives and miners, has been tentatively set for January 15, during the session of Circuit Court which opens here to-morrow.

Prosecuting Attorney Wade Bronson announced to-day that in all likelihood no petition for a change of venue will be made by either side. Other cases resulting from coal mine strike disorders also will probably be tried at this term, the Prosecuting Attorney announced. Spirited legal battles are looked for in the homicide cases, as the most prominent criminal lawyers in the State have been retained.

The military patrol at Nolan reported being fired upon last night by unidentified persons. The shooting came from the Kentucky hills, opposite the town. The shots were returned by the military, but so far as is known nobody was hurt. At Spring Lake demonstration was made, according to reports to military headquarters here, but in that case, too, nobody was injured.

WILL FIGHT CLOSED SHOP.

Manufacturers Association to Arrange Plans.

CHICAGO, Jan. 9.—Plans to combat any attempt by the railway brotherhoods to continue their fight for collective bargaining and the closed shop through national boards of adjustment will be made at a national conference of State manufacturers' association here Wednesday, it was announced to-night in a statement issued by representatives of the conference.

More than 400 delegates from twenty States are expected to attend the conference.

MAINE STUDENT MISSING.

AUBURN, Me., Jan. 8.—The disappearance of Kenneth O. Lawless, a freshman at Bowdoin College, was made known to-night by his father, William E. Lawless of this city. Mr. Lawless said his son left home on the afternoon of January 2 to return to the college after the holidays but failed to arrive at Brunswick and that he had been unable to find any trace of him.

## SUNDAY KISSING, PREACHING BARRED IN TENNESSEE BILL

Blue Law Opponents Plan to Kill by Ridicule and Silly  
Amendments the Drastic Law Up in Legislature.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.  
NASHVILLE, Jan. 8.—The anti-blue law forces appear to be in the majority in the Tennessee Legislature and they are preparing death by ridicule for the puritanical measure submitted last week.

Representative E. C. Norvell and others in the lower house announced to-day that they have prepared a number of amendments, among them one which would prohibit preachers from preaching. Others would stop choirs from singing, street cars from running during church hours and husbands from kissing their wives on Sunday, and finally one would exempt any and all persons from the penalties imposed by any blue law.

The bill introduced prohibits the playing of baseball and other sports, operation of all passenger and freight trains within the State, publication of newspapers, operation of stores, doing any kind of work or conducting any kind of business, and all buying and selling on Sunday except in instances where charity or necessity demands.

It was drawn by Noah Webster Cooper of Nashville, characterized by Tennessee newspapers as a religious fanatic. Cooper has obtained the backing of several State conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church South for his bill. He started the "national blue Sunday movement," which has been taken up by the National Reform Association, the W. C. T. U. and other semi-religious organizations. He has worked for his pet scheme for several years, and is now the most active lobbyist of all the scores of lobbyists at the State Legislature.

The House will have a field day when the blue Sunday bill comes up, and John Royal Harris, Southern representative of the National Reform Association, is here with another and less drastic blue Sunday bill, which he will offer when "Brother" Cooper's dies. Dr. Harris's bill, however, will meet the same fate. Representatives of the W. C. T. U. have also a drastic anti-cigarette bill introduced in the Legislature, which would prohibit even the advertising of cigarettes in publications circulated in Tennessee.

ARTISTS NEVER WILL  
BOW TO BLUE LAWS

Do and Will Work Sundays,  
John Sloan Asserts.

If the blue laws ever do arrive violations of the Volstead act will be as nothing compared with the amount of law breaking that painters, sculptors and other artists will feel impelled to go in for. That much was promised yesterday by John Sloan, etcher and painter and president of the Society of Independent Artists, Inc.

Mr. Sloan, who has just learned of the arrest last week of a sculptor in Boston under an old Massachusetts statute forbidding work on the Sabbath, is convinced that the programme fanned by Dr. Wilbur Crafts and the Rev. Harry Bowley is no laughing matter.

"And if it does come," declared Mr. Sloan, "the artists will be ready. We'll stop up our keyholes, cover our studio windows with sash and make sure that none of our models is a Government agent."

"Do I work on Sunday? I certainly do whenever the occasion calls for it, and so do all the artists that I know. A creative worker must get things done when he can, and if he feels that he can do good work on a day that happens to be Sunday it's his duty to work."

600 CLOTHING WORKERS  
SIGN IN BALTIMORE

Terms of Agreement Not  
Made Public.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 9.—Under agreements signed with the Amalgamated Clothing Workers Union more than 600 local clothing workers will return to work to-morrow in the shops of Philip Kahn & Co. and S. F. & A. P. Miller & Co., the two concerns signing the agreements.

Hymen Blumberg, head of the Amalgamated in Baltimore, who signed the agreement for the clothing workers, has gone to New York to confer with national heads of the union, and could not be reached to tell under what conditions and mutual concessions the agreement had been effected. The manufacturers have stated that the men, if they returned, must do so under a 25 per cent. wage reduction, while Mr. Blumberg has always maintained that the men would not accept the reduction nor the open shop, said to be advocated by some of the manufacturers.

The strike continues against four other manufacturers.

12 AUSTRALIANS DROWNED.

MELBOURNE, Australia, Jan. 9.—A motor launch, with eighty excursionists aboard, sank yesterday in Hopkins River, at Warnambool, Victoria. Twelve persons were drowned.

## BOY HUNTER'S BODY IS FOUND IN POND

Son of New Bedford Alderman  
Broke Through Ice, Is Re-  
port of Police.

NEW BEDFORD, Mass., Jan. 9.—The body of James F. Collins, Jr., 16, son of Alderman Collins of this city, was found to-day in Turner's Pond in Plainville. There were no marks of violence and the police expressed the opinion that the youth was accidentally drowned.

He had been missing since he went on a hunting trip in the Plainville woods on December 13 last, and it was feared that he had been murdered.

Searching parties had assisted the police on many days since the boy's disappearance and his father had offered a reward of \$500 for his finding, dead or alive. Ten days after he left home his mittens and gun were found on the shore of the pond within ten feet of the spot where the body was discovered to-day, but search of the pond at that time yielded no result.

The murder theory gained credence when a pair of overalls bearing what appeared to be blood stains was found in the woods, but chemical analysis showed that the spots were not caused by blood. On another day a mound of freshly dug earth was examined in the belief that the body might be buried there, but all that was found was a lot of muck prepared by moonshine whiskey manufacturing vented out on the pond and broke through the thin ice.

It is believed that the boy while hunters who have carried on operations in the woods.

THREE ICE FISHERMEN DROWN

HOLLISTON, Mass., Jan. 9.—A cap floating in a space of open water in Lake Winthrop to-day told the story of the drowning of John Driscoll, John McGuire and Forest Higgins, all of this town. The men, whose bodies were recovered, went to a camp at the lake last night for ice fishing to-day.

BREAKS SUICIDE PACT,  
ADMITS HUGE THEFT

Partner in Alleged Embezzlement Found Dead.

SPOKANE, Wash., Jan. 9.—Confession of the embezzlement of \$550,000 from James F. Callahan, wealthy mining man of Wallace, Idaho, by the brokerage firm of Milholland & Hough of Spokane, was made to the police to-day by Jay R. Hough, a member of the firm, they announced to-night.

Shortly afterward John B. Milholland, the other member of the firm, was found dead at his home.

Hough, the police said, told them he and Milholland had agreed to kill themselves last night, but after he had consulted an attorney and been informed his best course was to confess, their plan was abandoned.

The concern is a bond brokerage house. Hough surrendered to the officers late to-day and is held in jail, not having furnished bond of \$20,000. A warrant was issued for Milholland.

PRIVATE MUST PAY,  
BUT NOT OFFICER

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—Enlisted men of the army below the grade of staff sergeant are required to pay for the transportation of their children when transferred from one station to another, under a ruling submitted to the Secretary of War by Comptroller of the Treasury, Warfield.

Transportation for dependent children may only be paid by the Government, the Comptroller ruled, in the case of officers and non-commissioned officers of the first three grades, master sergeants, technical sergeants and staff sergeants.

TO LAY OFF 1,000 EMPLOYEES.

ST. PAUL, Jan. 9.—Approximately 1,000 employees of the Northern Pacific Railroad will be laid off to-morrow, John M. Repelle, general manager, announced to-night. They will include clerks, stenographers, station agents, telegraphers, freight handlers and baggage men, he said.

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